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The cover shows three of 'The Occasional Singers'. (See Cotswold Festival programme on centre pages.)



Toc H seeks to create friendship and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Local group activities range from holidays for the handicapped and children's playschemes to arts festivals and even bird-watching. Toc H is short for Talbot House: the soldiers' club in Belgium founded by the Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton in 1915. Today Toc H provides opportunities for people to test the relevance of practical Christianity and we welcome anyone who would like to give us a try.

Members accept a four-fold commitment:

1. To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
4. To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points – to think fairly.

VIEWPOINT

It can't have escaped your notice that this is *Point Three's* Cotswold Festival issue! In my dictionary, the first definition of *festival* is a joyful . . . celebration. Over the August bank holiday weekend, many hundreds of us will move in on Dor Knap to spend a day or two enjoying ourselves. You'll see from the programme which takes up our centre pages something of the rich variety of music, drama, poetry, dance, art and craft that will blossom over the weekend. But, in a sense, all that is incidental. We will not be there because we want to get something out of it but simply because we want to enjoy ourselves together in a very beautiful place – possibly for the last time on such a scale in this particular very beautiful place. It is appropriate that the weekend will reach its climax in the celebration of a mass, open air Eucharist – appropriate because joy and celebration are what this Festival is about and are what the gospel is about and are what our Movement is about.

Can't we all worry less and celebrate more? Can't we think less about attracting more members and more about making this great Movement attractive again by just enjoying ourselves? The Director has pointed out more than once in these pages how excited he has felt with some of the newer young groups and branches that have sprung up in the last couple of years. Their gatherings are exciting because they are all so unselfconsciously happy: they so obviously enjoy being with each other and bubble over with enthusiasm for all they are doing. Paradoxically, a Movement like ours grows and blossoms only when we are not looking for that kind of reward. The moral has often been pointed but is seldom observed by us:

Seek first the Kingdom, and all these things will be added.

The bird of paradise alights only upon the hand that does not grasp.

At the 1976 Central Council, John Hull gave a stirring devotional address which he called *The Whoops Factor*. I was deeply moved by it but that means little because I'm a sentimentalist. What matters is that we were all moved and uplifted – the whole gathering – and left Council in a spirit of joy that is far too rare. Do you recall John's address? A slightly shortened version was printed in the January 1977 issue of *Point Three*. Do what I've just done – look it up, and recapture some of that spirit of festival, of celebration now. (If you've lost your copy or given it away, send me a 7p stamp and I'll post you one!) Meanwhile, just to whet your appetites, here are a very few of the good things John said then:

Toc H can . . . be seen as a Celebration with a delicate touch and this is the realm of personal relationships. It is my belief that if we are true to ourselves we need to have a dimension of Celebration – a joy of living that will make sense . . .

What we can do is to take 'Leaping with Joy' seriously, and not just recite 'gallant and light hearted happiness' like parrots; the words might be dated but we know what they mean . . .

I regret very much that the Te Deum has largely disappeared from worship: 'We praise O God . . .'

We need more whoops. These moments of whoops often defy explanation.. Looking over the Vale of Evesham from Dor Knap after a Cotswold Festival, standing with Alec Churcher, John Mitchell and George Lee, we saw sunlight on the hill before Bredon. It was a moment we will never forget. I doubt if it will ever be the same again. We must savour every moment we can. God is very near. This is what Toc H is about and we share these moments with people . . .

In Toc H we have a special love for St Francis. He and his followers tramped the hills and villages of Umbria ragged, penniless, homeless, yet singing for joy in God and His creation. And people flocked to join them! When John Wesley stumped the English countryside carrying the tidings of great joy, his huge congregations roared the hymns of his brother Charles – hymns of praise, of rejoicing, of celebration.

We don't need to look for an excuse for a party: the fact that we are alive is the excuse. *Here dies another day*, said G K Chesterton, *during which I have had eyes, ears, hands and the great world around me. And with tomorrow begins another day. Why am I allowed two?* We can't answer this question but, like him, we can enjoy what we're given and thank God for it.

Get in the mood and join us at the Cotswold Festival. Celebrating alone is as bad as drinking alone. As Byron said:

All who joy would win

Must share it – Happiness was born a Twin.

If we must have an excuse to celebrate, let's use the weekend to express our thanks for the many happy years we've had with Dor Knap and our will to find such another happy centre. Then, while we're still in the mood, we'll prepare for our great national festival planned for London in 1980. No, it's not a jubilee year and it's not a membership drive. It's a Celebration.

Bing us the paint. Members of Rhyl North Branch (N Wales) knew something different was about to happen at the Holiday Centre, Marsh Road, when one of 24 volunteers from Holywell and Hawarden walked in and said 'This is a clean up - everybody get their feet in the air!' After preparing their own meal Friday evening they erected 50 bunk beds and laid out a plan to tackle work the following day.

Reveille was at six! By 7.30 am



Volunteers from Holywell begin the job of washing all the kitchen pans and cleaning down shelves in the centre's well equipped galley. (They also cleaned every window in the place.)

A heavy job, carried out by Jackie Phillips and John Barker, was scraping, priming and undercoating window frames on one wing of the centre. They are both 'Wackers' from Hawarden.

volunteers were cleaning every window in the centre and scrubbing large kitchen utensils ready for the summer season. Later during that day volunteers completed a re-painting operation of window sills in the centre, mowed the grass and weeded the garden and toured in Rhyl in teams to raise over £100 during a branch flag day.

This is the second of a series of weekend projects in Clwyd arranged by Huw Gibbs and designed to introduce

young people to work and friendship in the Toc H manner. A new group has now started in Hawarden, calling themselves 'The Wackers' with 20 members and at least 20 others interested to join in projects.

1978 marks the silver jubilee of the Toc H Children's Holiday Centre in Rhyl. In that period, some 10,000 deprived children have had a week's holiday there - all completely free of charge.



Before most people were awake in Rhyl volunteers were mowing a large area of

grass and weeding around the centre. This trio is from Holywell High School.



Photos: Aled Oldfield



Photos: Jim Waltham

In flaming June (!) Gemini (Warrington, Cheshire) Branch members dressed themselves up, armed themselves with collecting tins and copies of Point Three and invaded the town with a wheelbarrow pushing, fund raising army.

IN BRIEF...

■ Our warm congratulations to Stanley V Deffee of Harrow Men's Branch and to Harold Forster of Wilmslow, Cheshire, a Cheadle Hulme Branch member, who were both awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

■ Family Day (21 May) is a special day in the calendar of Strode Park and Herne (Kent) Joint Branch. It is the anniversary day of this branch, most of whose members are physically disabled residents of the Strode Park Home. On this, their 10th family day, they entertained many friends from neighbouring branches, the Mayor and Mayoress of Canterbury, District Chairman Fred Cooper, Central Councillor Bill Thompson, former staff member Ruby Relf and the main speaker, Toc H General Secretary Gilbert Francis who had shared the struggle to get the branch started. Visitors were able to walk round the home's beautiful grounds while the local Scout band gave a concert on the lawn. A fine day ended with a Service conducted by Rev 'Polly' Perkins, during which Gilbert took Light, Branch vice-Chairman Bob Pearman read the lesson and branch member David Finch sang a solo.

■ The Criccieth (N Wales) Branch prides itself on being the strongest in North Wales. (Any challenges?) This 32 strong branch, whose members are drawn from all walks of life, has maintained a steady record of service to the community since its foundation more than 30 years ago. Last year, they revived the Criccieth Youth Club which is now thriving. Some eight years ago they raised more than £600 in a short period to pay for an ECG machine and to contribute towards its maintenance. Their latest project is to raise funds to provide a machine to deal with skin diseases and a radio telephone system for their local doctor. In only a few weeks they have raised more than £600 towards their target of £3,000.

■ Leatherhead (Surrey) Men's Branch recently celebrated their 50th birthday with a gathering of almost 100 past and present members and friends. The Director, Ken Prideaux-Brune, spoke of the role of the Movement in today's world and Mark Secker told those present something of the branch's long history. The discussion was followed by a concert in which all the performers were Toc H members and one (George Dench) a Leatherhead founder member. During the evening, more than £40 was raised for Leatherhead's 1978 activities which include an August project week at the Royal School for the Blind.

■ Ken was also the main speaker at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Clacton-on-Sea Men's Branch in June. Some 150 members and friends were present for the Service of Thanksgiving, held in St James' Church, and for the Director's address. Catering arrangements for the buffet held afterwards in the church hall were splendidly carried out by the Clacton-on-Sea Ladies Branch members.

■ The Wellingborough (Northants) Branches made a concerted drive on this year's Alexandra Rose Day with house to house and street collecting. They raised the magnificent sum of £244.83.

■ Criccieth (Gwynedd, N Wales) Branch has sent us an interesting account of the 1978 N Wales Area Training Day. The writers were unimpressed by discussions on camps (their branch already has wide experience of this kind of work) and on the Wolfenden Report ('just another governmental report which... will be forgotten in a few years' time'). They were very impressed by the emphasis placed on widening the 'fun' image of Toc H but not quite clear as how to set about it! Their positive suggestion is that a whole training day should be devoted to discussions on *how* to improve the 'fun' image, *how* to serve the modern community and *how* to extend Toc H influence among the young. They felt the value of such a day would be worth recording and distributing to all branches in the area. What do you think?

■ The young Swansea West Branch is now well and truly launched on its first two projects, both aiming at helping the handicapped. They have provided a scented garden for the Glyn Vivian Home for the blind and they have also presented a new colour television set to the residents of Llanfair House.

■ Having just celebrated their 50th anniversary Sittingbourne (Kent) Joint Branch members are looking forward to their centenary celebrations in May 2028! Among the 100 or so members and friends present at their golden jubilee — many from far afield — was one of their founder members, 'Andy' Andrews. The Service of Dedication was conducted by Rev 'Polly' Perkins of the SE Regional staff, and Rev Colin Elliott, Medway and Sheppey District padre, gave the address. Dave Rumsey, District Chairman, speaking at the buffet reception commented happily on the number of branches from other Districts who had shared this great evening with them.

WELCOME

The following branches elected new members during June:

- 4 — Fareham (j), Holland on Sea (w)
- 2 — Bitterne (w), Paignton (m), Shavington (m), Woking (w)
- 1 — Aquarius (Warrington) (j) group, Acton & Garden Village (m), Cromer (w), Conway (m), Dundee (j) group, Eyemouth (j), Gloucester Project group, Gemini (Warrington) (j) group, High Brooms (w), Hook & District (m), Harlow (j), High Brooms (m), Kendal (j), Lidley (m), Leigh (j), Market Harborough (m), Plymouth (j), Pant (j), Wroughton (w), Wem (j), Wulfrun (m), Whitstable (m), Woking (j), Stockton (j) group

A warm welcome to 40 new members



Photo: R & D Studios

Melton Mowbray (Leics) Women's Branch has presented a mobile electro-cardiograph machine to the Latham House medical practice. This machine can be used by local GPs either in their surgeries or in patients' homes. It cost £600 — most of which was raised at the branch's annual bazaar. The picture shows branch Chairman Rene Marriott handing over their gift to Dr Bruce Williamson.

'Women... are much tougher than men are. They live longer and, not being so sensitive, can stand much greater extremes of temperature. They can hold hotter plates; they can drink hotter tea; they can stay longer in cold water. They are never tired of telling you how much braver they are at the dentists, not realising that they don't feel so much pain.'

C E M Joad

DOR KNAP -an end and a beginning

Our landlords at Dor Knap, the Batsford Estate Company, have indicated that it is 'extremely improbable' that our lease will be renewed. Nor are they prepared to sell Dor Knap to us. It is likely, therefore, that our occupation of Dor Knap will cease at the end of our present lease in June 1980.

The contribution of Dor Knap to the life of the Movement is undeniable.

Thousands of people over the years have had their lives enriched, and their understanding of Toc H deepened, through their visits to Dor Knap. Many have had their first introduction to Toc H there. The Central Executive is convinced that the continuation of this contribution is absolutely essential and the search for a freehold property in the Cotswolds for use as a conference centre has already begun.

Many of us have a very deep emotional attachment to Dor Knap and the thought of leaving there will inevitably sadden us. However, the Holy Spirit communicates in some very unlikely ways and it may be that the Spirit is saying that at this stage in its life Toc H needs a new challenge, needs a place on which we can lavish work and care so that a new house of love is created.

The new house when we find it will not, of course, be another Dor Knap. But it will have its own character and it will surely make the kind of contribution to the Movement which Dor Knap has made over the last 20 years. Meanwhile the Cotswold Festival provides us with an immediate opportunity to celebrate all that Dor Knap has meant to Toc H as a whole and to so many of us individually.

KPB

Swindon District held a wine and cheese party recently to express their thanks to all those who have been concerned with the running of Mark 16 until its closure in 1977. In the picture are (L to R) Reg Radway, Mike Curtis, Bill Gillespie, Alf Daultry, Tom Burroughs, Graeme Parfitt, Sid Bridges. Other guests included the Regional Chairman and representatives from Toc H Headquarters.

Through the open window

by Guy Brinkworth

PROVIDENCE



Out of the open window I look out across the bay, across to the Irish ferry fussily working up its head of steam. Above soar with consummate grace and ease the flocks of gulls eager to pick up the scraps thrown from the galley. I watch, fascinated by the powerful economy and perfection of their aerobatics. But our bay is famous for its birds; already the swing-wing swallows have departed on their inexplicable annual 5,000 mile flight across Europe down to South Africa. Also the tiny sedge warblers (I could post four of them for 6½p) have gone to the savannahs south of the Sahara — some in one long hop of 2,500 miles.

Above the gulls, resting on the ship's warm thermals and wheeling in great curves with such evident joy, are a few of the great ocean wanderers, the shearwaters. Probably they are from the nearby bird sanctuary of Skokholm Island. I wonder if one of them is the identical bird, which having been taken in a closed basket to Boston, Massachusetts and duly ringed and released, was found back safe in its burrow on that island 12½ days after. No noise, no pollution, no prodigal waste of the earth's scarce resources of fossil fuels! Dear Lord, how is all this done? The utter marvel of those tiny micro-computerised navigational systems hardly bigger than a pinhead which our Father in Heaven has lavished on those beautiful, perfectly adapted little creatures of His!

Now am I afraid to say that as I look, 'finger on lip' and ponder, tears comes to my eyes of wonder, gratitude and shame. 'Turn but a stone and start an angel's wing: 'tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces: that miss the many splendoured thing.' Dear, dear Father, the work of whose fingers are the billion galaxies of millions of stars which rush with incredible speeds through the infinitude of space: when am I going to begin to understand better and appreciate the mighty creative sharing love which has also made those marvels which throb and sing over and around this placid bay. And He has clothed them more beautifully than the glory of Solomon, given them a wisdom far beyond even the sophisticated and expensive navigation devices of a 'cruise-missile'.

And not one of those lovely things falls to the ground without the Father knowing it. 'Fear not', He said, 'you are more value than many birds'. I leave the window to face the day strangely elated and trusting: for through it has come the message of the Psalmist: His infinite creative love is 'before me, behind me, it hems me in on every side: I feel the palm of His protecting hand ever above me'. (Ps 138).

'Take my shelter, take my bread —	But leave me this: leave
My cloak, my cup, my daily bread	part that still could feel
And all that I possess.	The poetry, purpose and perfection,
Take my hair, my curling hair,	Of this one small feather
My tongue, my ears, my precious sight —	Of a blackbird's wing!



Photo: Wiltshire Newspapers



Ken Prideaux-Brune



Alan Ridgeon, Central Councillor from Shooter's Hill District in South East London, has sent me a report of a very successful Wishing Week in Crayford. The Week was modelled on the one held in Matlock and fully reported in *Point Three* in June 1977. Although the response was, perhaps, disappointing in numerical terms — 3,000 leaflets issued, just under 200 replies received — the comments made were positive and constructive. The major wishes received were for a 'cleaner Crayford', for a youth club, for informal leisure amenities, and for a playground in school holiday periods for children of working mothers. As Alan Ridgeon makes clear in his report, presented at a public meeting in June, voluntary effort will be essential if many of the wishes are to come true. The most encouraging aspect of the exercise, therefore, is that no fewer than 31 people expressed a willingness to help in one way or another. The District is hopeful that a new Toc H group may be formed as a result of its initiative.

The rapid growth of Toc H in the 1920s has meant a spate of 50th birthday celebrations. I have recently had the joy of attending two such Golden Jubilees, one in Leatherhead, the other in Clacton-on-Sea. Both gatherings were well attended and enjoyable. Both occasions attracted some people who are no longer active in Toc H because of their involvements elsewhere, involvements which they undertook in the first place because of their membership of Toc H. This is an important reminder that part of the function of our Movement is to lead people to a deeper commitment, which may not always be expressed through Toc H itself. This is one way in which the influence of Toc H spreads into other spheres.

A recent conversation with Adrian Dudman brought news of the rethinking of the work in central Middlesbrough undertaken jointly by Toc H and the various Churches. This review is made necessary by the departure of Sue Leigh. There is no doubt of the value of Sue's work in launching this experiment. In particular she was able to help those involved to see that if they wanted to meet the real needs of people in that area they could not avoid becoming involved in the political arena. One success, for instance, has been the closing of certain streets to make play areas for children and this was only possible with the sympathy and help of local Councillors and of the Engineer's Department.

Now that the experiment no longer has a full time worker to rely on, however, the initiative rests, as it properly should, with the members of the participating Churches and members of Toc H in Middlesbrough. In recognition of this, MEP (Middlesbrough Ecumenical Project) has been wound up and replaced by CAUSE (Christian Assembly for Unity, Service and Evangelism). The meetings of the Assembly will be open to all, rather than being meetings of appointed representatives, and workshops (with the emphasis on the word work) have been set up under the three headings of unity, service and evangelism.

It is good to know that Toc H is able to play such a leading part in this pioneering piece of inner city work and has been given the chance of working so closely and creatively with the Churches.

Having been Secretary of the PM Club for boys in London's hotel and catering trade for several years I am encouraged to hear how the Club has continued to grow and develop. Launched in a small way, on the initiative of Toc H, in 1946, it provides accommodation for 150 boys and runs a wide ranging programme of activities for young people in the trade. Now it has been incorporated into the Hotel and Catering Trade Benevolent Association so that all the welfare work for the trade is under one umbrella. There are no longer two separate bodies competing for financial support and the Club should as a result have the opportunity to develop even further in the future.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In January: Ethel King (Sheringham)
In March: Violet Neal (Holland on Sea)
In April: Alice M Wilson (Milford on Sea)
In May: Mrs Gladys H Cooper (Buckhurst Hill), Sidney Godden (Budleigh Salterton), David K Matthews (Attleborough), E G M (Penny) Penn (Eastbourne), Patrick C Pritchard (Ealing), Bernard J Saunders (Guernsey), Emily M Stevens (E C & Tower Hill), Lily Stewart (Saughall)
In June: Sidney E Beare (Gravesend), J E A (Bert) Edwards (Lowestoft), William S Goodall (Bill) (Honiton), Cicely M Pucknell (Sevenoaks), Archibald L Smith (Haverfordwest), William H Stephenson (North London District), Jean A Swanson (Owton Manor)

Sidney E ('Teddy') Beare, who died at his Gravesend home on 8 June, was a founder member of the Gravesend (Kent) Men's Branch. 'Teddy' was never strong physically and his health had been declining for a number of years. Nevertheless, he was always an active branch member and held office first as Branch Chairman and later as Branch Pilot.

Felixstowe (Suffolk) Women's Branch lost a helpful and caring branch padre when Rev David Edwards died on 22 May after 25 years service with the branch. All his work — formal and informal — was marked by enthusiasm, sincerity and complete integrity and he will be a sad loss to Felixstowe.

Sid Godden died on 14 May during a visit to his daughter's family in Devizes. He was 77. Sid retired to Budleigh Salterton in 1961 and at once concerned himself actively with Church work and the welfare of the old. He was a loved and respected member of Budleigh Salterton (Devon) Branch and their Secretary for eight years until forced by ill health to cut down on his work. He retained a strong interest in the branch and the whole Toc H family to the end.

We give thanks for their lives

'After placing some flowers on a grave, a man noticed an old Chinese putting a bowl of rice on a nearby grave. He asked him when he expected his friend to come up and eat the rice. 'Same time your friend come up to smell flowers,' replied the Chinese.'

COTSWOLD FESTIVAL

Souvenir Programme

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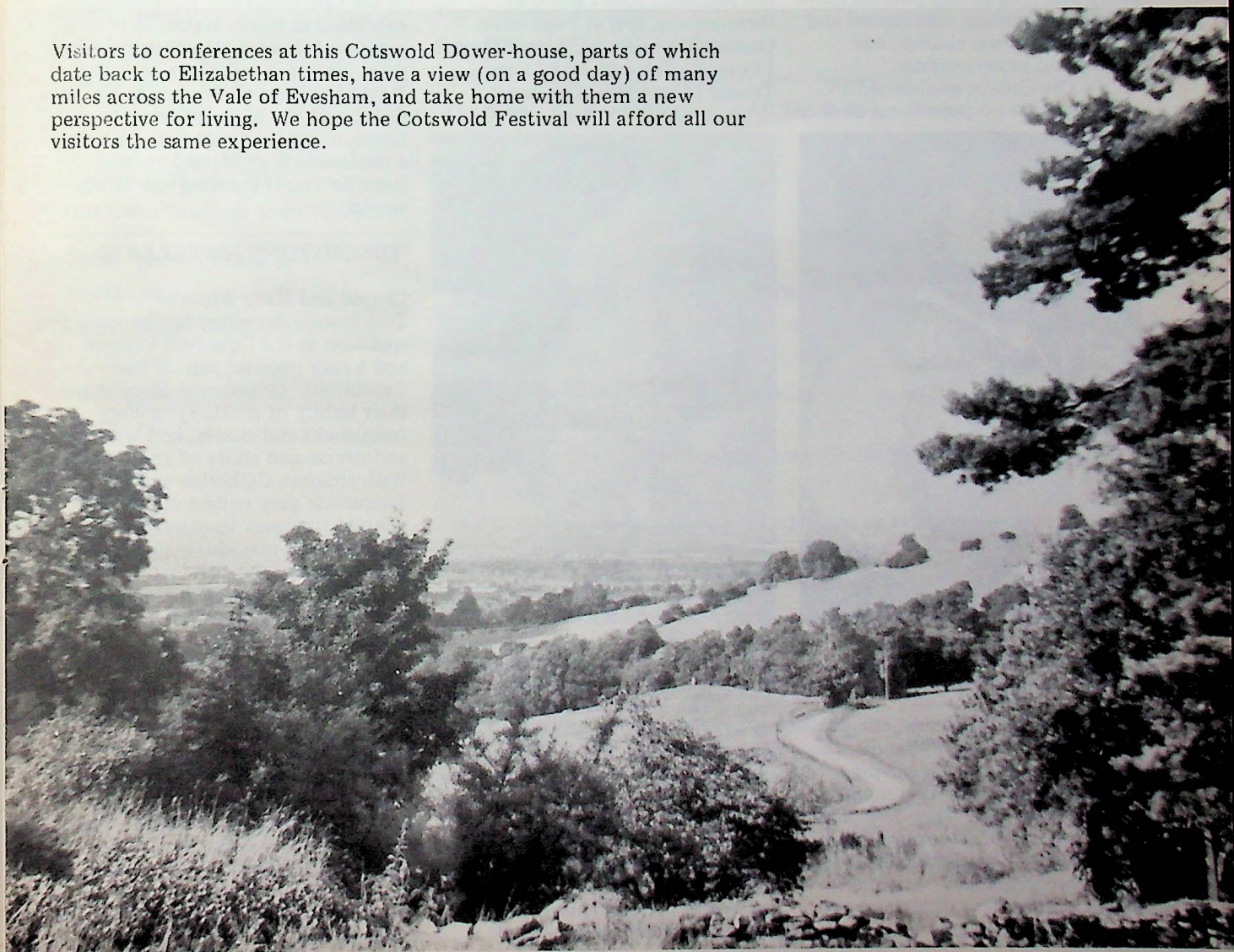
Ken Prideaux-Brune

Tommy Trinder

Nancy Griffiths

John Mitchell

Visitors to conferences at this Cotswold Dower-house, parts of which date back to Elizabethan times, have a view (on a good day) of many miles across the Vale of Evesham, and take home with them a new perspective for living. We hope the Cotswold Festival will afford all our visitors the same experience.



COTSWOLD FESTIVAL

OCCASIONAL SINGERS

Well known to Toc H audiences, they are, first and foremost, a group of friends who sing together for fun. A mixture of professional and amateur musicians, they have performed recently on television and have just recorded a radio programme. The Singers aim to present a varied programme, ranging from Early English madrigals and Tudor Church music to music by contemporary composers and the odd bit of 'pop'.



Photo: Graham Sergeant

MDCC – MOSELEY

Plays by Shakespeare have formed a regular part of the programme of MDCC – the Moseley Group which puts on the present production of the Merry Wives of Windsor. In addition to a play by Shakespeare every year, the Group puts on plays by modern writers, established and original, medieval classics, and poetry and prose readings.

The Group, established 17 years ago, has no permanent theatre

of its own, so productions go on in castles, theatres, churches, the streets, and public houses. Activities extend far beyond Birmingham to the country at large, and even to Europe. The present production will be seen in Warwick at the Lord Leycester Hospital, at the Midlands Arts Centre in Birmingham, and at Pembroke Castle. The pictures show Albert Lyons (as Falstaff) and Laura Treacy (who plays Ann Page).

MOIRA HUNTLY

Moira Huntly was born in Scotland and studied at Harrow and Hornsey Colleges of Art. She lives in the Cotswolds and has recently exhibited in North Wales, following a successful exhibition the previous year. She is an exhibitor with the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours at the Mall Galleries in London. She is a part time lecturer, a professional artist, and visiting tutor to Toc H Painting and Music weeks.



'TOUCHSTONE JEWELLERY'

Crispin and Mary White's Touchstone Jewellery has become a tradition at the Cotswold Festival and a very popular part of the Exhibition. Crispin and Mary share their hobby of making jewellery from rocks and stones, and with it an interest and study of geology. With children Catherine and Jacqueline they collect stones and pebbles wherever they go. They also use semi-precious gemstones from many parts of the world, with items in stainless steel making up a varied selection of jewellery.

PETER CLAYTON AND CHRIS STERN

Both are solo performers but occasionally entertain together. Chris specialises in contemporary transatlantic themes and Peter in songs of the British tradition. They first met at Dor Knap on a Folk Weekend in 1975 and the musical alliance developed from there. Both enjoy a wide range of music outside their folk interest.

THE EAST MIDLANDS EARLY MUSIC CONSORT

This is a group of friends, all teachers in the East Midlands, who play in their spare time, giving concerts about every two months, often in churches. They first met at the Society of Recorder Players and have been giving concerts for about two years now. Members play a wide variety of instruments – recorders, crum horns, dulcian, and

viols, percussion and keyboard instruments. They sing too!

The music we shall hear will be largely music meant for outdoors and ranges from the 13th century to the Renaissance period. In their workshop session, consort members will be talking about the music and the instruments. The session will include an open rehearsal of something that is new to them so we can see how a piece of music develops before it is performed.



Programme of Events

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

Doors open 7.00 pm

8.30 pm

An Evening of Music & Wine in the Gardens of 'The Court' with The Occasional Singers (Director, John Hull). Narrators: Ken Prideaux-Brune and Nancy Griffiths

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST

Dor Knap Grounds open 10.00 am

11.00 am

Talk on Folk Music — Martin & Christine Wenham

12.00 noon

Workshop and Demonstration — East Midlands Early Music Consort

12.00 noon

Painting Demonstration and Workshop — Moira Huntly

2.00 pm

Walsall Metropolitan Band

2.45 pm

Chris Stern & Peter Clayton

3.20 pm

(in the Conference Room)

Poetry — Betty & Noël Cornick

3.30 pm

Gloucestershire Morris Men

4.00 pm

The Occasional Singers

4.45 pm

East Midland Early Music Consort

5.30 pm

Ceilidh — 'Mad Robin' (Caller — Jack Kirby)

7.00 pm

'The Merry Wives of Windsor' — MDCC Moseley Group

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST

Dor Knap Grounds open 10.00 am

10.30 am onwards

Demonstrations of crafts etc

11.00 am

The Occasional Singers in Open Rehearsal (to be televised)

12.00 noon

Poetry Workshop (Bring your own work)

2.00 pm

Latvian Dancers

2.30 pm

Barber Shop Singers — 'Five in a Bar'

3.15 pm

The Launton Handbell Ringers

3.45 pm

Poetry — Ken Prideaux-Brune & Nancy Griffiths

4.30 pm

Bangladeshi Dancers

5.00 pm

Final Concert — The Occasional Singers (to be televised)

6.00 pm

Open Air Eucharist

Exhibitions of paintings, corn dollies, calligraphy, patchwork, pressed flowers, wood and slate carving, jewellery and leather work throughout the Festival.

Refreshments available in the Refreshment Tent throughout the Festival

by

Doug and Vera Ridgeway and members of Walsall Toc H

COTSWOLD FESTIVAL

'FIVE IN A BAR'

Five in a Bar have had a rapid rise to fame, are well known broadcasters and appear regularly on television. In 1974 they won the first Radio 2 National Barber Shop Singing Contest, and have recently made their second LP ('Lady of Fortune'). They specialise in close harmony, singing modern numbers and Victorian ballads, as well as authentic 'barber shop'.



Photo: Garth D Smith, Bristol

MARGARET ADAMS, CALLIGRAPHER

Mrs Adams is a member of the Society of Scribes and Calligraphers and of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists. For the past 20 years she has worked for the Printing House of Stanbrook Abbey, a Benedictine Monastery famous for its fine printing. Her work, together with that of her late husband who was her tutor and the headmaster of the Moseley School of Art, has been acclaimed all over the world.



Photo: Berrow's Newspapers, Worcester

LATVIAN DANCERS

This troupe, 'Pērkonītis' is led by Mr I M Strauss. Its members are mostly students, come from London and give much pleasure to Latvians living in this country, presenting a valuable part of Latvian culture with their traditional songs and dances.



FIRE EXIT

POETRY

by Ken Prideaux-Brune, Nancy Griffiths, Betty and Noël Cornick.

Ken Prideaux-Brune, Director of Toc H, is well known to Toc H audiences for his expertise in presenting poetry. He appears regularly on programmes with the Occasional Singers.

Nancy Griffiths, a former member of the Toc H staff, also appears with with the Occasional Singers and has delighted audiences in many parts of the country with her particular brand of humour and presentation.

Betty Cornick is a Trustee of Toc H, and again well known throughout the Movement. She appeared with Ken and Nancy presenting poetry and prose at the Festival in Westminster Central Hall in 1975. Betty and her son Noël will be presenting ballads and other verses from Ireland.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE MORRIS MEN

Traditional Morris Dancing is still a feature of English country life and there are no better exponents than the Gloucestershire Morris Men. They have appeared before at Dor Knap and are always welcome.

BANGLADESHI DANCE GROUP

Their repertoire includes both folk and classical dances. They have been performing at a wide variety of cultural events over the last 15 years. They took part in the Marsh Farm Festival in Luton, with which Toc H is actively associated, in 1977 and 1978.

MARTIN AND CHRISTINE WENHAM

Martin and Christine delighted audiences at the last Cotswold Festival with their interpretation of folk music and it is good to welcome them again. Martin is also an expert carver and will be seen at work during the Festival, and Christine will be presenting her patchwork.

LAUNTON HANDBELL RINGERS

The Launton Handbell Ringers, under their leader Peter Allan, have recently been heard on BBC 'Pick of the Week', have made appearances on television, and have given recitals in many parts of the country, including the first ever recital of handbells in Coventry Cathedral. The Handbell Ringers of St Mary's, Launton were formed by the late Frederick Sharpe in 1951 with members associated with the village Church. Many of the musical arrangements are by Mr Sharpe; but since his death the team have arranged new music. The bells used range in age from one cast in 1696 to the most recent, 1970. It is a unique collection.



Photo: Harris Morgan & son, Bicester

PLEASE NOTE HOLY LAND TOUR

Our own Sue Cumming, with Rev Stuart Burgess will be leading a Church Travel Club pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 7 July to 21 July 1979. John Calff and others have led similar pilgrimages in past years so there is a long Toc H connection. The pilgrimage is a fascinating, 'never to be forgotten' experience which brings the Bible to life. The Church Travel Club works in association with Peltour Ltd., the largest Jewish travel organisation in the world. We'll be telling you more about this pilgrimage later but it's not too early to book and start saving now.

Please address your enquiries to:
The Church Travel Club, Normanhurst,
Godalming, Surrey (Tel: 048 68 21516)

HONORARY WARDEN NEEDED

Toc H Mark VII in Fitzroy Square, London W1 (the Post Office Tower is on the door step!) provides a home where about 30 people of all nationalities and backgrounds can live together in fellowship and develop a deeper understanding of themselves and others. This growing awareness of the needs of all, both within and outside the house, is coupled with opportunities to serve others and to test the Christian approach to life.

At this particular time, the house needs a new honorary warden — someone with commitment and sensitivity, who can lead the residents in the smooth running of the house, and help them develop their personal responsibility and individual talents.

If you would like to accept this challenge, or just to talk about what it involves, please contact Penny Molyneaux, 36 Procter House, Avondale Square, London SE1 5EZ. Phone: 01 237 6297

HELP!

Hoddesdon (Herts) Men's Branch plan to take part in a sponsored football match in the early autumn and the team is very anxious to 'show the flag'. Can anyone lend them a set of football shirts in our colours (black and orange)? Don't get shirty, just kick the idea around and then ring John Harding on 01 882 6181, ext 3265.



Family Matters

by Gina Vianney



THE DIGNITY OF OLD AGE

A lot of nonsense is talked nowadays about the elderly. As though by reaching 65 a person is automatically either senile or living in poverty. Aging people are people. Not a statistic. They are individuals. As they have lived, so will they age and deteriorate. Relationships that were good when they were younger, will probably go on to sustain and uphold, providing security and ensuring happiness. Relationships that never worked before are not going to make a sudden swerve to success as faculties go and more understanding is needed.

Geriatrics is defined as the study and care of the human person in a process of degeneration. Many elderly people, if younger, would be classified as mentally ill in the sense that they are dependent, suffering silently, and in need of extra 'treatment' for nerves. If we could only get to grips with that, we'd be more clear about what we are doing when we advise others what to do.

Many old people are neither good nor easy to care for. Some are saints. What too many people forget, in this generation, is that most of them have been brought up and lived without any religion, any moral strength, or any faith in an after life. As they get older they are afraid. They see a great nothing in the future, and they tend to take it out on those around them.

We all die as we have lived; accepting and trusting, or resistant and fighting. You can't suddenly give people God when they see death coming, or even the loss of a faculty. You have to deal with the person as 'set'; unconverted and unrepentant.

The loneliness, misery and discontent, aside from actual physical suffering among our elderly is a national disgrace, but it is a part of a very discomfiting scene caused by the selfishness of our times, the economic instability, and the breakdown of family life.

Science has found a way to prevent modern couples from being encumbered by children, but so far it hasn't found an effective means of preventing them from having parents. And the ones who reject one tie tend to reject both. Life is full of stress these days; the old need time, and patience. Children, if they're healthy, do grow out of their childish ways and dependence. The elderly don't.

Families split up earlier these days. There's less chance of the 'stay at home' daughter. If she does give up her career and marriage chances, she is heavily penalised for it by the State.

It isn't just that large families have an inbred respect for the older members; there are more hands to share the burden. Even then it sometimes takes all the loyalty, love and consideration, as well as organisation that an entire family can give to provide a working solution.

What all elderly people want is to retain their independence, pride and self respect. The tragedy of this generation is that people who have retired are not able to enjoy to the full their 'declining' years. That is evil.

Some of the highest political and ecclesiastical positions in the country are held by people who by callous industrial standards should be put out to grass like old pit ponies. Slowing brains and hands can be a danger, but most pensioners would rather be doing something small and useful than left idle to dry up and wait to die. The lack of paid opportunity in this respect is an indictment on the nation. Sloth is wickedness; boredom tends to trigger off a rapid running down of faculties.

The truly fortunate are the really religious, who can count on not only supernatural infusion of their age failings, but the love and care of communities who do have a profound respect for their aging members. God thought so much of them he gave us a Commandment.



YOUR LETTERS

POINT THREE

We write to express what in our opinion is the deterioration in the quality of the editorial content of *Point Three* and to a lesser degree the actual presentation and general 'look' of the magazine.

In recent weeks we both from entirely different sources have heard considerable criticism of *Point Three*, not all of it constructive, but nevertheless dissatisfaction being the final analysis. The main comment is 'that the magazine is not what it used to be'. This criticism only reinforces the opinions that we as Central Councillors both share. Generally, the zip seems to have forsaken the editorial columns. Rather than being stimulating they are staid and most certainly not thought provoking. At one time, not so long ago, most branches could put the particular edition of *Point Three* on the agenda to stimulate a discussion evening. This is not the case today, because to be honest there is not much to stimulate or motivate.

We have heard some pretty widely spread adverse criticism of *Point Three* and we hope that this letter may be of some help in eventually eliminating this. We would like to see it again become the lively, readable banner of Toc H, something we could easily hand on to people outside of our Movement. At the present time this is not the case.

Terry Gray
Harpenden, Herts
Pat Turner
Wootten, Bedford

BATTERED CHILDREN

I have been asked to send the following letter on behalf of the branch of 25 registered members, one of whom has been a member of Toc H for the last 42 years.

We believe that we must act on the appalling report by the NSPCC regarding the cruelty to and deaths of innocent and helpless young infants and children.

Surely here is another case for Toc H as a whole to speak with one voice to the Government to finance the NSPCC sufficiently to enable them to greatly increase the number of people they maintain in the field. This will be in itself a big contribution to reducing these tragic figures.

Certainly, if we are true to our Ceremony of Light, we pledge ourselves to endeavour to bring joy where there is sadness and light where there is darkness.

Let our words and ceremonies be really meaningful by urging the member-

ship to raise its voice in this direction and to inundate our members of parliament with this urgent request to give the NSPCC all the financial help it needs.

We should urge our branches to help all they can in their own locality, and to write to their particular MP — we of North Nottingham have written ours.

There is no time to waste — even at this moment little children are being cruelly treated, or even battered to death.

Vera Brooks
Woodthorpe, Nottingham

CONSERVATION

As part of a programme organised by Huw Gibbs, 12 Toc H volunteers spent a weekend carrying out a conservation and clearing up task on the National Trust property known as Graig Fawr near Prestatyn.

I am writing on behalf of the Trust to say how very grateful it is to Toc H and in particular to all those who took part in helping us conserve and enhance the amenities of this scientifically, geologically and scenically important hillside.

We have been wanting to consolidate work carried out by a previous party of volunteers on the main footpath from the summit, so that visitors will find it easier and safer, as well as be more encouraged, to use it rather than steeper paths, where erosion is becoming a problem.

As a result of your members' visit, vegetation has been cut back, new path surfaces made up, and steps cut out and shored up with timber, and stones hauled up the slopes. In addition a major sweep to collect litter was made.

Tasks such as this are of tremendous benefit to the Trust, which relies so much, like your organisation, on voluntary assistance and contributions, and I am looking forward to arranging further tasks with Huw Gibbs. At the same time, I feel certain that my colleagues in other National Trust regions in England and Wales would appreciate any assistance that your readers can give them, and either Huw Gibbs or I would be pleased to let you have their names and addresses.

Ian Kennaway
National Trust Regional Agent,
Gwynedd

THOUGHTS ON EXTENSION

The letters from Ray Fabes and Jim Carnduff published in the June issue exemplify two aspects of the same

problem and are very timely. I was therefore somewhat disconcerted to find on reading the 'Director's Notes' in connection with the May Central Executive meeting, that the question of a national publicity campaign had been summarily dismissed on the grounds that 'Toc H works best at local level'. This may of course be true, but until we have proof positive how can we be sure?

There is no doubt that names like Child Poverty Action Group, Shelter, Samaritans etc do readily suggest the aims and objects of those societies, but what is in a name? It is the end product that counts. If we want to avoid stagnation then we must use every weapon available to us in order to ensure that we regain the vibrance of our earlier years and do not just fade away into oblivion. I made this very point in my article 'Not dead but stagnating' which was printed in the issue for March 1970; obviously the matter seems to have been ignored and here we are more than eight years on saying the very same things. To my mind Jim Carnduff's suggestions seem sound commonsense and even if they cost money I feel that the expense incurred will be well worth while.

John Morgan
SE Regional Chairman

Is Toc H hiding its light under a bushel and afraid to launch out? Toc H, like life, is a great adventure, especially when living and working in collaboration with God. The impression sometimes comes across that the Movement is holding back, afraid to go out into the unknown. Christ did not sit back in his clubroom and wait for the people to come to him, he went out to the people, not with any great publicity stunts, but to draw all men and women to him by his example and teaching. He did not call select committees, or endless discussion groups. He prayed, went out and acted. Come on Toc H, get God's spirit of adventure and follow His example! Don't sit saying 'what can we do?' — be true disciples, pray, get up, and go out. God will provide the answers and the strength to carry out his work if you will only ask, and listen. After 60 years there are still a good many areas without Toc H.

Now to *Point Three*. One cannot grouse if there is little to grouse about, but here's a challenge. You want more members and more readers. What about bringing to the notice of those readers outside the membership that there are such animals as builders and associate members? You know a team is never too good without its supporters, and if the team management, team, and supporters,

all work in co-operation, well, the results could be surprising.

Winnie Nelson
Oxford

A PORT PENRHYN WEEKEND

May 19th 1978. The commencement of a weekend at an adventure camp. Nothing out of the ordinary for a youth club but this was a youth club with a difference. Out of the 12 people in the minibus, 10 were mentally handicapped and no-one would have taken them to an adventure camp only a short time ago.

After six hours travelling, we arrived at our destination to be met by the warden and Scout helpers who provided us with cups of hot tea with sugar. Really went down well.

A look round the camp and then welcoming the remainder of the party who came from Sheffield. Bed was next and the lightest in weight had the top bunks.

Saturday morning and into the minibuses to a Forestry Commission area. This in itself was a pleasant drive but having parked and walked over the sand dunes there was the sea. Three miles of flat sands with a safe sea. Football and other games, then sandwiches, fruit and drinks. In the afternoon off to the nearest town to buy presents for the folks at home. This is always a must.

In the evening, a drink, games (table tennis, darts) a walk in the harbour and after supper off to bed again. The second day of a hot sunny period.

The next morning, Sunday, canoeing, motor boating – complete with life belts – and horse riding. Mentally handicapped members, never on the sea in their lives before, after instruction by the warden, making full use of the single seater canoes, enjoying themselves along with those in the motor boat.

Lunch and then home but with us went that feeling of deep gratitude to Ian Taylor, Warden at Port Penrhyn, Bangor, Gwynedd, for a fantastic weekend. We thanked Ian when we left but I hope that you will print this to show how grateful we are to those who made the adventure camp what it was to us.

Bert Bowring
Nottingham

THE OLD HOUSE

We have recently returned from the Herts and Beds 'Pop' weekend organised by John Burgess – a most memorable and moving few days.



Photo: Wallis Photographers, Doncaster

Dinnington (Yorks) TAG Group seems to be in the news each month now! Recently, some of their members, together with a teacher from Dinnington Comprehensive School, won the joint first prize of £100 for planning and carrying out a community project in a competition sponsored by the National Westminster

Bank. The project they designed was a playgroup for mentally and physically handicapped children and their award money is helping to finance the scheme.

In the picture Catherine Shepard, Helen Purcell, Kerry Byrne and teacher Mrs Pamela Higgs receive the award.

How exciting to visit the Old House and humbly take part in Light and prayers in the Upper Room. We shared the comradeship of Toc H in the presence of Tubby's influence. We met people we had not met before – Lucienne, the Kitchener Group who word so hard for Toc H, the Belgian families who invited us to their homes, Judy and Sarah (two young volunteers who were super girls) and four young cyclists from Norwich who were using the Old House as a base.

We visited the Town Hall and were entertained and shown round the lovely building. We attended Sunday evening service at St George's Memorial Church and the last post at the Menin Gate. We visited the Pool of Peace, Tyne Cot, war grave cemeteries, Hill 62, Gilbert Talbot's grave and many more places.

Our grateful thanks to John for a splendid and well organised weekend. Our thanks also to Jeff the second driver.

Pauline Presland
Biggleswade

HOW DOES YOUR BRANCH WORK?

I recently attended a Beds, Herts and North Bucks Dor Knap weekend led by Colin Rudd. During one session we saw and heard the tape-slide programme on the 'Ely Woodcutters'.

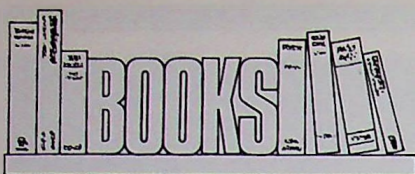
What a marvellous subject for starting a hearty discussion, but how

disillusioned we would all become if this was a typical Toc H branch.

Surely Toc H as a Movement should move and spread its wings to involve a real cross section of the community in all aspects of service. Here we have a branch doing a very worthwhile job but utilising fit men to assist one small section in need. Toc H is now an integrated family; where do the wives, girl friends and those unable to drive or use a saw come in? Surely the time has come when this work should be handed on to another group of willing workers and Ely Branch allowed to use this vast source of energy to other good uses in a wider field.

The commentator stated that the members had become so involved that branch life had been sacrificed. This will ultimately result in a loss of communications and a lack of knowledge of Toc H within the District, Region and even nationally. If we can't get together and discuss correspondence etc what will happen to the branch and District, even places like Port Penrhyn and Dor Knap? These will all close and no one within the Movement will be discussing tape-slide programmes. I trust this programme will be used as I hope it was intended, to stimulate discussion and kept within Toc H and not used as a typical example of a Toc H branch.

Ken Watling
Waltham Cross, Herts



East and West of Aldgate Pump

There is nothing stodgy or pious about the people who appear in these 11 short sketches. They have been selected to show, with typical Cockney humour, that there are modern day saints among us, living and working in the hustle and bustle of a busy city. They have in common a sense of fellowship, compassion, gentleness, love and toughness and an underlying faith in God. This is the heartbeat of the community shown through the lives of apparently ordinary, though often deprived and somewhat unlikely people.

There is the unassuming young woman, dogged by ill health and bad luck, who has devoted her life to working in and around the church, bringing happiness to many lonely and bedridden people.

Phil Mason tells of the Hungarian Baroness who suffered pain, indignities, denigration and imprisonment at the hands of the Gestapo, including eight months of solitary confinement in a cell no bigger than a cupboard and in complete darkness. While under sentence of death, using a hairpin, and thread from her calico prison dress, she crocheted the shape of a cross and filled it with the straw on which she lay. 'Prisoners who were half starved, beaten, and often degraded, came to pray on it before they were taken out to be tortured or shot'. By this means people in that dreadful place found the courage to hang on to life one day at a time. The Baroness had further indignities to suffer, yet when she came through it all, she devoted her life to quietly working for well known national charities.

There are the Sisters of Mercy in Providence Row, always available when people call seeking help or accommodation. Young teenagers leaving home for the first time and finding themselves alone in the big city; victims of an unhappy marriage; battered wives; men who have turned to drink; vagrants. The Sisters at the Refuge have no regard for denominational barriers or difference of race or colour.

Certainly a set of stories to prick the conscience of those who call themselves Christian.

Eileen Clark

Published by the author, 1 Whitney Road, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northants NN15 5SL, at 50p (5 copies for £2). Profits from the sale of the book will be given to Christian Charities.

Christian Denomination Series

Wheaton have just published a new collection of books under the title 'Christian Denomination Series'. Each book covers the history, formation and present day practice and involvement of a particular Church. They range from the Pentecostal to Orthodox Churches, each described by a different writer.

They provide a short, simple and comprehensive account of each movement. The history and conflicts out of which the denominations were formed are so interesting and explain many seemingly nonsensical divisions amongst us today.

As Raymond Brown says in his foreword to 'The Baptists': *'No denomination has a monopoly either of the truth or of the saints; there is so much for us still to learn from one another'*. (The forewords in this series are particularly good.)

I was amazed at just how much we all have in common and yet enjoyed the individuality of each. Union is one thing, uniformity quite another.

My complaint is that so often writing about religion is dry and humourless especially when, as in this case the idea is to interest and stimulate the young. As they are aimed for use with youth groups and in schools my old age is a disadvantage in criticising these books.

I would like however to see a similar series on comparative religions.

Karen Hull

Note: All these books are published in limp covers by Wheaton - Religious Education Press (Pergamon Books). The following titles have been published:

The United Reformed Church
by Kenneth Slack
The Methodist Church
by Jim Bates
The Baptists
by John Wood
The Pentecostal Churches
by Kaister Ottosson
The Church of Scotland
by James Bulloch
The Salvation Army
by Major Clyford Kew
The Church of England
by Jan Baker
The Roman Catholic Church
by Martin Murphy
The Orthodox Church
by Margaret Doak
The Society of Friends
by George H Gorman

WARDENS WANTED

Toc H is seeking to appoint a new Warden of Dor Knap from January 1979, when Tommy and Dorothy Trinder retire; and of Alison House from May 1979, when Frank and Wyn Howlett retire. The new Warden of Dor Knap will become the first Warden of the new Centre when we move there sometime prior to June 1980.

The new appointments, both at Dor Knap and at Alison House, will be on a rather different basis from the present appointments. The growing influence of both centres on the life of the Movement leads the Personnel Committee to believe that the time is right to appoint wardens who will be asked to take a fuller part in developing the way in which the houses are used. They will be encouraged to take part in the discussions of the groups who use the house, sharing the thinking of one group with those who come after them. They will be encouraged to run their own weekends and weeks; and to invite people outside the Movement to share in the discussions and fellowship of Toc H members. They will need to have the vision and the imagination to develop new ways in which the Centres can contribute to the growth of the Movement.

In addition to the warden we seek to appoint a cook/housekeeper at each house to be responsible for planning and cooking meals and for all domestic arrangements. If the husband or wife of the person appointed as warden is willing and able to take on this task we would be glad to consider a joint appointment. If not, we shall need to make a separate appointment. Since the warden will not have as much time as at present to give to domestic matters it is recognised that part time domestic help will have to be recruited locally.

One further possibility should be mentioned. If there is a couple who would be prepared to take responsibility for the domestic running of Dor Knap on a short term basis, from January 1979 until the move takes place, this would enable the new warden to start on the establishment of our new centre without also being responsible for the closing months at Dor Knap.

These various appointments offer opportunities of making very significant contributions to Toc H. If you feel called to serve the Movement on a full time basis and feel that you could make a contribution in any of the ways suggested here, Gilbert Francis (Toc H Headquarters, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT, telephone Wendover (0296) 623911) would like to hear from you as soon as possible - and in any event by 15 September.



Skelmorlie (Ayrshire) Branch take 300 children for a 4 mile walk over lonely Scottish moors.

21 handicapped people recently enjoyed a week's holiday in Worthing as guests of the Southdown (W Sussex) District. A welcoming lunch started them on a busy week which included a party and musical workshop, visits to Swanbourne Lake, the Royal Pavilion and Dolphinarium at Brighton, Lancing College and Arundel. The packed week ended with a day's shopping and sightseeing and an evening at the theatre. Phew!



Photo: Beckett Newspapers Ltd

Conservation?

In today's world of rapid change, it is common to find many badly neglected areas. This could be because of redevelopment, closures of factories, redeployment, silted up canals now used as dumping grounds, or beauty spots which are often abused by people ignorant of the country code. Certain seashores are often turned into eyesores by day trippers who have no feeling for the natural beauty that should remain for all to enjoy.

Improvements can be made by any local Toc H branch, whose members feel that 'something ought to be done about it'. They can spot the areas and approach the farmer, site developers, Waterways Board, Forestry Commission, Local Authority, Chamber of Commerce and local industrialists, and ask or suggest in what ways Toc H could improve the situation. Local Councillors can help in suggesting where to start and providing the initial information; the local press can help with publicity in highlighting the problem and

swaying public opinion to pave the way for Toc H to start the work.

This will give the Toc H branch an opportunity, not only to involve its own members but to invite the Toc H volunteers living nearby, whose Toc H experience may only have been on one summer project. They could help over a period, or on a more concentrated weekend project, sponsored by the branch or District. They can all work together. Invitations can be sent to local schools, sixth form colleges, youth clubs, Scouts and Guides, Boys Brigades, Church youth groups. The local Volunteer Bureau and Council of Voluntary Service may also be able to help with volunteers. The Probation Service may be interested to place Community Service Order clients to work in with the groups, and if the task was large enough, even Job Creation Scheme opportunities may arise.

Another idea is to gain sponsorship for the work and raise money for planting

by John Burgess

trees, shrubs, a garden for the blind with sweet smelling flowers, small playground for mothers and toddlers, or just heap together pounds of rubbish.

All this will help local residents, and especially young people, to become more aware of their environment. It will also give them the opportunity to join a group of people, to do something that is organised and enjoy the fun that can be experienced from this type of activity. It is not just a manual job, but meeting new people, making friends, and achieving a sense of satisfaction from doing something worthwhile in the community. Toc H can lead the way with this involvement and be seen to be concerned about the quality of life in its locality. Toc H cares.

Note: See Conservation letter on 'Your Letters' page. We hope to carry further features on Toc H and conservation in future issues.

Thinking about EXTENSION?

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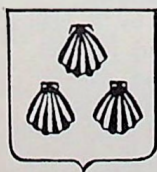
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